Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Each year there are an average 23,900 deaths and 32.7 million injuries related to consumer products under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC); and,

Whereas, The deaths, injuries, and property damage associated with consumer products cost the nation over $700 billion annually; and,

Whereas, In Fiscal Year 2002, the CPSC negotiated some 387 recalls involving over 50 million consumer products that presented a significant risk of injury to the public; and,

Whereas, In Fiscal Year 2002, there were 210 shipments of 3.6 million units seized at ports of entry; and,

Whereas, Many old hazardous products such as disposable lighters, old extension cords, halogen torchiere floor lamps, old power tools, old cribs, and old electric hair dryers remain in homes, flea markets, garage sales or in second hand stores; and,

Whereas, The CPSC, in conjunction with state and local governments and community organizations throughout the nation, is launching "Recall Round-Up Day" – a national safety campaign to roundup unsafe products; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota will support and encourage its citizens to work with local fire, safety, health and consumer agencies, and other appropriate community organizations to organize local roundups of dangerous and defective consumer products; and alert parents, grandparents, children's care givers, and the general public to the hazards of selected recalled consumer products; and,

Whereas, In my official capacity as Governor, I believe the "Recall Round-Up Day" program will result in reducing injuries and deaths in my State:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2003, as

RECALL ROUND-UP DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State